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Alfred Andersch *An Admirer of Half Shadows*

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Alfred
Andersch
*Ein Liebhaber
des Halbschattens*
Drei Erzählungen
Diogenes

First published in 1963, Andersch's second volume of short stories depicts human beings at the threshold between a burdensome past and the better future they have been hoping for. Andersch's commitment to a type of psychological and social realism which stands in direct opposition to attempts of the ›nouveau roman‹.

Book factsheet

General Fiction
112 pages
11.3 x 18 cm
October 2006

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Movie adaptations

1993: Tochter

Cast: Rudin Denise, Fölnbacher Helmut

1988: Die Kirschen der Freiheit

Director: Stephan Reinhardt

1987: Sansibar oder der letzte Grund

Director: Bernhard Wicki

Screenplay: Karin Hagen

Cast: Peter Kremer, Cornelia Schmaus, Gisela Stein

1985: Vater eines Mörders

Director: Carl-Heinz Caspari

1977: Winterspelt 1944

Director: Eberhard Fechner

Cast: Ulrich von Dobschütz, Katharina Thalbach, Hans-Christian Blech

1965: Haakons Hosentaschen

Director: Martin Bosboom

Cast: Filmmessay/Dokumentation (HR) von Alfred Andersch, aus der das Buch ›Hohe Breitengrade‹ entstand.

1962: La rossa

Director: Helmut Käutner

Cast: Ruth Leuwerik, Rossanzo Brazzi, Gert Fröbe

1961: Sansibar oder der letzte Grund

Director: Rainer Wolffhardt

Cast: Robert Graf, Beatrice Schweizer, Paul Dahlke

Praise

Alfred Andersch

»A master of German prose.« – Max Frisch

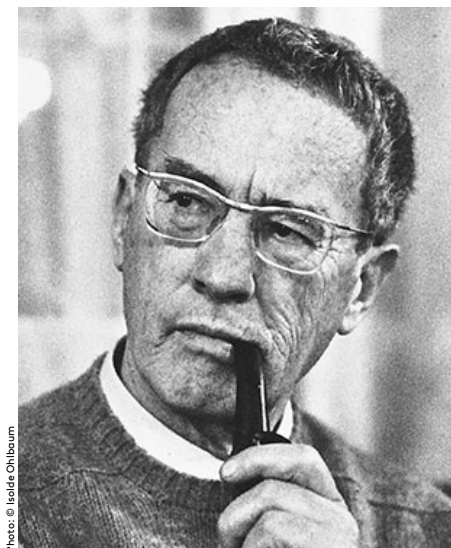
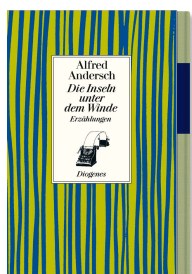


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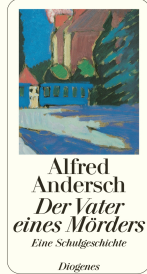
Born in 1914, Alfred Andersch attended a private Munich boys' school, which was in fact run by the father of Heinrich Himmler, as depicted in his last book ›The Father of a Murderer‹. In 1933 Alfred Andersch spent six months in Dachau concentration camp for his activities as a Communist youth leader. After deserting the Wehrmacht army in 1944, he spent over a year as a prisoner of war in America. After returning to Germany, he was the editor of several newspapers as well as a prominent novelist. A founder of ›Group 47‹, that distinguished company of German writers whose members included Heinrich Böll and Günter Grass, Andersch won the »Nelly Sachs Prize« (for ›Efraim's Book‹) in 1968. He died in 1980 in Berzona /Ticino.



Leeward Islands
544 pages
2014

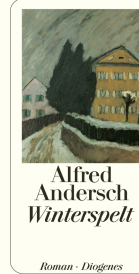


Correspondence
192 pages
2014

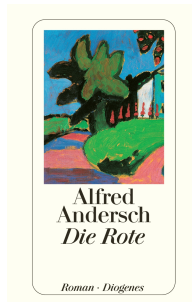


The Father of a Murderer
144 pages
1980

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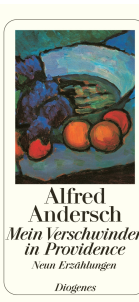


Winterspelt
604 pages
1974

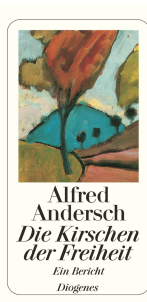


The Redhead
272 pages
1972

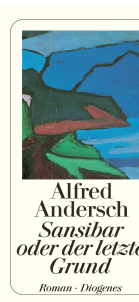
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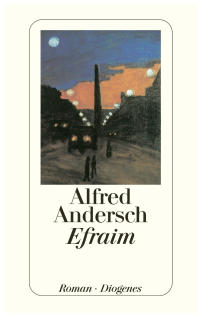
My Disappearance in Providence
276 pages
1971



Cherries of Freedom
144 pages
1971



Flight to Afar
224 pages
1970



Efraim's Book
472 pages
1967
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